

Connecticut Department of Agriculture
 Dannel P. Malloy, Governor; Steven K. Reviczky, Commissioner
 Robert R. Pellegrino, Bureau Director



Marketing & Technology Bureau, (860) 713-2503
 Linda Piotrowicz, Interim Editor
 Wednesday, February 8, 2012

NOTES from the DEPARTMENT . . .

CONNECTICUT'S BIG FIX

By Frank L. Ribaldo, Director, Animal Population Control Program

Later this month, certain Connecticut pet owners will experience an event that has never happened before in this state. The Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) will host the CT Big Fix, a statewide vaccination/sterilization extravaganza that plans to provide benefits to more than 500 companion pets owned by low-income Connecticut residents. The Connecticut Department of Agriculture's Animal Population Control Program (APCP) has been providing assistance to the Big Fix committee, made up of Connecticut veterinarians and volunteers.

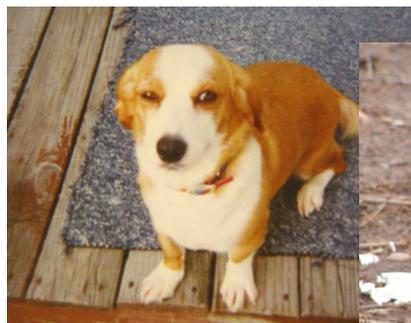
The original concept came from Town & Country Veterinary Associates owner Dr. Gayle Block, veterinarian and current CVMA president. Dr. Block, who is also a member of the APCP advisory board, learned last year that state statute allows the APCP low-income program to be funded by up to 10% of the APCP's total annual income. Approximately 1,000 vouchers are set aside annually for pets owned by CT low-income residents. While these vouchers are usually gone in six months, the need for assistance does not go away.

"Though I take some credit for facilitating the Big Fix, I could not have reached this point without the help of my committee, Department of Agriculture APCP staff, and, most importantly, the donated time and hospital space from over 50 veterinary practices statewide and supplies from a number of pharmaceutical companies," said Dr. Block.

The CVMA dates back more than 125 years. According to its membership directory:

The CVMA was founded in 1884 with the intent of bettering the profession and the foresight of better days to come. Annual dues in the beginning were six (\$6.00) dollars. In the early days the profession really had no power, no more than quarantine and even in such cases the law was not enforced. A legislative committee was formed to determine who the proper authorities were and who did have the power to quarantine and take the matter in hand. The early CVMA's persistence in bringing forth the dangers of diseases no

doubt had a great bearing on laws which were later passed putting the control of diseases dangerous to public health in the hands of proper authorities who could act officially. In 1905, a Veterinary Practice Act was passed pertaining to the practice of veterinary medicine, surgery and dentistry, which created an examining board and required all those who wished to practice in this state to have passed a satisfactory examination prescribed by the board. This was considered to be a most outstanding accomplishment. The CVMA is known to be one of the most active in matters pertaining to Veterinary Science and Public Health, legislative matters relating to the Veterinary profession and ranks among the highest in percentage membership.



The CT Big Fix will be held February 20 – 24, 2012 and is only for pets from Connecticut low-income residents. The cost for this program is \$20.12. To qualify, residents will have to provide a current Department of Social Services (DSS) identification card or be on a rental-assistance or Section 8 program. Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis, and the program will allow up to two pets per household. This program is not for people who have the means to provide for the care and wellbeing of their pets.

To sign up for the CT Big Fix, please call Town & Country Veterinary Associates at 860-645-1700.



**WHOLESALE FLOWERS
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

| | Low | High |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|
| ANEMONE, bnch,lng | 10.00 | 12.50 |
| CALLA,bnchd 5,xlng | 27.50 | 27.50 |
| GARDENIA, blm | 5.50 | 5.50 |
| GARDENIA bnch,3 | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| GERBERA, stm,lng | .60 | .80 |
| LILY,Asiatic,bnch,lng | 12.00 | 12.50 |
| LILY,Asiatic,3-5 blm,lng | 15.00 | 18.00 |
| LILY,Casa blnc,bnch,12,lng | 25.00 | 27.50 |
| LILY,Siberia, bnch,lng | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| LILY, Sorbnn,bnch,lng | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| SNPDRGN,bnch,10,lng | 11.50 | 12.50 |
| SNFLWR,bnch,5,lng | 7.50 | 7.50 |

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

February 6, 2012

Hogs sold by actual weights, prices quoted by hundred weight.

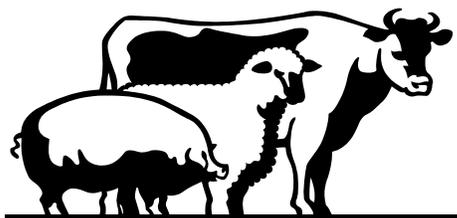
| | | |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| 49-54 | 220-270 lbs | 66.00-68.50 |
| | 270-300 lbs | 62.00-67.00 |
| | 300-400 lbs | 60.00-67.00 |
| Sows: US 1-3 | 300-500 lbs | 53.50-55.00 |
| | 500-700 lbs | 55.00-58.00 |
| Boars: | 300-700 lbs | 32.00-33.00 |

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, February 6, 2012

Live animals brought the following ave. prices per cwt.

| | Low | High |
|--------------------|--------|--------|
| Bob Calves: | | |
| 45-60 lbs. | 35.00 | 40.00 |
| 61-75 lbs. | 50.00 | 75.00 |
| 76-90 lbs. | 80.00 | 85.00 |
| 91-105 lbs. | 90.00 | 97.50 |
| 106 lbs. & up | 100.00 | 105.00 |
| Farm Calves | 115.00 | 130.00 |
| Veal Calves | 85.00 | 135.00 |
| Open Heifers | 65.00 | 100.00 |
| Beef Steers | 55.00 | 83.00 |
| Feeder Steers | 75.00 | 110.00 |
| Starter Calves | 38.00 | 42.00 |
| Stock Bulls | 110.00 | 135.00 |
| Beef Bulls | 79.00 | 95.00 |
| Sows | 1 at | 47.00 |
| Goats each | 80.00 | 310.00 |
| Canners | up to | 73.50 |
| Cutters | 74.00 | 78.00 |
| Utility Grade Cows | 80.00 | 83.00 |
| Rabbits each | 6.00 | 27.00 |
| Chickens each | 5.00 | 21.00 |
| Ducks each | 7.00 | 11.00 |
| Feeder Pigs | 40.00 | 55.00 |
| Lambs | 85.00 | 175.00 |
| Sheep | 45.00 | 115.00 |



**WHOLESALE VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**



| | Low | High |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|
| ALFALFA SPROUTS,5lb | 11.00 | 12.00 |
| APPLE,Braeburn,bu | 12.00 | 14.00 |
| APPLE,Cameo,bu | 12.00 | 14.00 |
| APPLE,Empire,96,xfcy | 24.00 | 25.00 |
| APPLE,Empire,12/3,xfcy | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| Apple,Fuji,bu | 16.00 | 18.00 |
| APPLE,Jonagold,bu | 16.00 | 16.00 |
| CIDER 4/1gal | 14.00 | 14.50 |
| PARSNIP,25lb | 24.00 | 24.00 |
| POTATOES,Rnd,wh,,50lb | 10.00 | 11.00 |
| POTATOES,10lb | 2.25 | 2.50 |
| SQUASH,Bttrnt,1/9bu,lg | 14.00 | 16.00 |
| TOMATOES,Cherry,5lb flat | 14.00 | 14.00 |
| TOMATOES,Grnhs,on vine,11lb | 20.00 | 22.00 |

SHIPPED IN

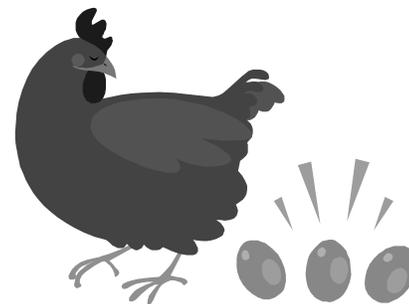
| | Low | High |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|
| BEAN,Grn,rd,bu,FL | 30.00 | 34.00 |
| BLACKBERRY,12/6,MX | 16.00 | 18.00 |
| BLUEBERRY,12/1pt,CE | 27.00 | 28.00 |
| CANTALOUPE,12ct,HD | 19.00 | 20.00 |
| CARROTS,50lb,CN | 8.00 | 9.00 |
| CLEMENTINES,5lb, SP | 3.00 | 4.00 |
| EGGPLANT,1-1/9,FL | 16.00 | 16.00 |
| GARLIC,Elphnt,10lb,CA | 28.00 | 30.00 |
| LETTUCE, grn leaf,24,CA | 17.00 | 20.00 |
| NECTARINES,36,CL | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| ONION,Yel,25lb,NY | 6.00 | 7.00 |
| ORANGE,113ct,CA | 15.00 | 17.00 |
| PEPPER, Cbnll,1 1/9 | 20.00 | 20.00 |
| PEPPER,Sntn,1-1/9,FL | 8.00 | 11.00 |
| RHUBARB ,6kg, Grnhs,NE | 28.00 | 28.00 |

(Boston Terminal and wholesale grower prices)

NEW HOLLAND LIVESTOCK AUCTION

February 6, 2012

| | Bulk/ | High/ | Low Dressing |
|--|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| SLAUGHTER COWS: | | | |
| Breakers | 75-80%lean | | |
| | 76.00-80.00 | 81.00-83.50 | 71.00-73.00 |
| Boners | 80-85% lean | | |
| | 74.00-78.00 | 78.50-81.00 | 70.00-73.00 |
| Lean | 85-90% lean | | |
| | 67.00-73.00 | 73.00-77.50 | 63.00-67.00 |
| SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1 | | | |
| | 955-1785 lbs | 88.00-92.00 | |
| CALVES: All prices per cwt. | | | |
| Graded Bull Calves: Number 1 | | | |
| | 80-125 lbs | 130.00-145.00 | |
| | Number 2 | 80-125 lbs | 110.00-130.00 |
| | Number 3 | 75-115 lbs | 80.00-100.00 |
| Holstein Heifers: Number 1 | | | |
| | 90-110 lbs | 150.00-220.00 | |
| Number 2 | | | |
| | 75-125 lbs | 70.00-115.00 | |
| SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Non-Traditional Markets: | | | |
| Woolled & Shorn Choice and Prime 2-3 | | | |
| | 40-60 lbs | 265.00-310.00 | |
| | 60-80 lbs | 220.00-250.00 | |
| | 80-90 lbs | 204.00-219.00 | |
| | 90-110 lbs | 174.00-188.00 | |



**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND
SHELL EGGS**

Prices paid per dozen. Grade A brown egg in carton delivered store door. (Range)

| | |
|------------|---------|
| XTRA LARGE | 143-153 |
| LARGE | 139-150 |
| MEDIUM | 110-120 |

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

February 6, 2012

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, warehouse, centers per dozen. (Range)

| | |
|-------------|---------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 103-107 |
| LARGE | 101-105 |
| MEDIUM | 88-92 |

PENNSYLVANIA GRAIN REPORT

February 6, 2012

Grain market for eastern Pennsylvania.

| | |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Corn, No.2, bu. | 7.05-7.40 |
| Ear Corn, ton | 205-206 |
| Soybeans, No.2, bu. | 11.58-12.13 |



| | |
|---|----------------|
| 110-130 lbs | 183.00-198.00 |
| 130-150 lbs | 146.00-161.00 |
| 150-200 lbs | 126.00-141.00 |
| Woolled & Shorn Choice 2-3 | |
| 40-60 lbs | 218.00-228.00 |
| 60-80 lbs | 197.00-217.00 |
| 80-90 lbs | 185.00-200.00 |
| 90-110 lbs | 155.00-170.00 |
| 110-130lbs | 134.00-149.00 |
| 130-150 lbs | 144.00-152.00 |
| SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3: Med. Flesh | |
| 120-160 lbs | 103.00 -116.00 |
| 160-200 lbs | 96.00-111.00 |
| Utility 1-2: Thin Flesh | |
| 120-160 lbs | 96.00-111.00 |
| 160-200 lbs | n/a |
| SLAUGHTER GOATS: All goats are Selection 1, sold by the head, on est. weights. | |
| Kids: 30-40lbs n/a | |
| 40-60 lbs | 115.00-138.00 |
| 60-80lbs | 126.00-160.00 |
| 80-100lbs | 143.00-159.00 |
| 100-110lbs | 148.00-163.00 |
| Nannies/Does: 80-130 lbs 130.00-145.00 | |
| 130-180 lbs | 144.00-159.00 |
| Bucks/Billies: 100-150lbs n/a | |
| 150-250 lbs | 202.00-217.00 |

ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE

1-R. Blumenthal & Donahue is now CT's first independent NATIONWIDE Agri-Business Insurance Agency. Christmas tree growers, beekeepers, sheepbreeders, organic farmers and all others, call us for all your insurance needs. 800-554-8049 or www.bludon.com

2-R. Farm, homeowner and commercial insurance--we do it all. Call Blumenthal & Donahue 800 554-8049 or www.bludon.com

4-R. Gallagher electric fencing for farms, horses, deer control, gardens, & beehives. Sonpal's Power Fence 860-491-2290.

6-R. Packaging for egg sales. New egg cartons, flats, egg cases, 30 doz and 15 doz. Polinsky Farm 860-376-2227.

9-R. Rough sawn lumber, fence boards, trailer planks, tomato stakes, custom and portable sawing 203-788-2430.

10-R. Nationwide Agribusiness Insurance Program, endorsed by the CT Farm Bureau, save up to 23% on your farm insurance and get better protection. References available from satisfied farmers. Call Marci today at 203-444-6553.

17-R. Hebron: 79.2 acres, Rte 316. Frontage on three roads, possible subdivision, winery, agriculture, recreation. Driveway and pond. 860-872-6637.

20-R. Tractor: CIH Model 70, 2010, 550 hours, 70 HP, 2 WD, ROPS, 13.9 x 38 radials. Dual remotes. \$21,900.00. Mater Mac 3PH air planter with fertilizer and liquid tank and pump. \$3,800.00. CIMA mist blower sprayer. 3PH with Cannon head, 110 gallon. \$1,800.00. Ferguson Rotovator, 3PH, 6 foot. Extra tines. \$1,750.00. 3PH forklift. Cat. \$1,250.00. Vicon 3PH fertilizer spreader, 600 lb. capacity. \$750.00. Rears 3PH Pak forks. \$200.00. 860-428-4846.

21. Toyota Tundra pick-up., 2008, 142,000 miles. 2 WD, 4 door. 6' bed. Good condition. \$11,900.00. 860-428-4846.

WANTED

12-R. Prides Corner Farms is a diversified 500 acre wholesale production nursery located in Lebanon, CT that produces plants for customers in the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic region. Our product lineup includes perennials, grasses, herbs, native plants, trees, shrubs, & edible ornamentals. We are actively seeking individuals for Foreperson Trainees and Grower Interns. Qualified applicants will be enthusiastic, positive minded people that like working outdoors and have an interest in plants. We provide on the job training for these full time career opportunities with benefits. A great team environment! Give us a call or email. Human Resources HR@pridescorner.com 1-860-642-3081 www.pridescorner.com

18-R. 1 or 2 row corn picker, 1 or 2 row corn chopper, forage wagon, 65+hp tractor, all in good working condition. 860-949-4241.

22-R. Wanted: Someone to raise poultry for. I have a 12,000 square foot environmental controlled poultry house, central heat, nipple waterers, pan feeders, back up power and 2-10 ton bins. Experienced. Ken Hunter, Brooklyn, CT. 860-774-4470.

MISCELLANEOUS

7-R. Farm/Land Specializing in land, farms, and all types of Real Estate. Established Broker with a lifetime of agricultural experience and 40 years of finance. Representing both Buyers and Sellers. Call Clint Charter of Wallace-Tustin Realty (860) 644-5667.

11-R. Lily's LLC Appraisal Services specializes in Estates, Commercial & Industrial, Residential, Agricultural, Conservation Easements and Reevaluation Appraisals. Call Lori Longhi at 860-463-9997.

NOP SUNSET REVIEW 2012 POSTED

The National Organic Program has published a proposed rule (<http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/getfile?dDocName=STELPRDC5096391>) in the *Federal Register* regarding the 2012 Sunset Review of substances on the USDA's National List of Allowed and Prohibited Substances. This proposed rule would amend the exemptions or prohibition for seven substances and remove the exemption for three substances on the list. Comments on the proposed rule may be submitted until February 13, 2012.

FREE ONE-ON-ONE SESSIONS WITH AG PROS

Meet privately with an agribusiness professionals for up to one hour, free of charge, to discuss farm-related questions, concerns, and techniques. Call 860-887-1608 to sign up.

Topics/Professionals:

- Estate Planning & Farm Transfer: Stephen Sutton & Bill Dakin, Kahan, Kerensky, & Capossela LLP, Linda Francois, Cooper, Whitney, Cochran & Francois
- Farm Business & Marketing: Richard Hermonot, Farm Credit East
- Transitioning To Organic Production: Bill Duesing, CT NOFA, Michael Keilty, UConn
- Dealing with Local Officials: Joan Nichols, CT Farm Bureau Association
- Crop Insurance: Shelby Colwell, Crop Growers Insurance, Colleen Kisselburgh, Arthur Carroll Insurance

Sessions:

- Tuesday, February 21, 2012, Suffield H.S. Agri-Science Center
- Wednesday, March 14, 2012, Brooklyn Fairgrounds
- Friday, March 16, 2012, New London County Extension Center (Norwich)
- Tuesday, April 17, 2012, Wamogo Regional H.S. Agri-Science Center (Litchfield)
- Thursday, April 19, 2012, Nonnewaug H.S. Agri-Science Center (Woodbury)

CSFA PRODUCT AWARDS COMPETITION MAR 8

The Connecticut Specialty Food Association annual product awards competition will be held March 8, 2012, at the Aqua Turf Club in Plantsville. Some of the many farm-friendly categories include the following:

- Connecticut Grown Product
- Fresh Fruit or Vegetable
- Honey or Syrup
- Jam
- Cheese (Aged or Fresh)
- Ice Cream
- Meat, Pate, or Fish
- Certified Organic Product
- Connecticut Wine

Judges will include radio and television personalities, food writers, chefs, and culinary and wine experts. Awards will be presented during the Connecticut Food Association's Hall of Fame Dinner, April 18, 2012, at the Aqua Turf Club, and a list of winners will be distributed to media outlets across the state.

Entry deadline is February 24, 2012. Late entries cannot be accepted. Please contact Tricia Levesque at 860-677-8097 for additional information.

CT HORSE SYMPOSIUM MAR 17-18

Are you looking to improve your horsemanship and trail skills, learn the biomechanics of performance horses, or understand the basics of barefoot shoeing practices? If so then come join us at the Connecticut Horse Symposium to be held at UCONN's Horsebarn Hill Arena March 17-18, 2012. Please visit <http://animalscience.uconn.edu/horseSymp/HorseSymposium.php> for more information.

HEALTHY ORCHARD WORKSHOP MAR 9

Growing Fruit in a Healthy Orchard Ecosystem with Micheal Phillips, a NOFA Organic Land Care program, will be held on Friday March 9, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 16 Meriden Road (Route 66) in Middletown.

Michael Phillips, Northeast fruit grower expert, will share his knowledge about organic orchard systems, pest management, and soil fertility at this full-day workshop. The workshop will commence at the Connecticut Forest & Park Association's headquarters and move outdoors after lunch to High Hill Orchard at 170 Fleming Road, Meriden. The workshop cost is \$155 with a \$15 discount for early registration and an additional \$15 discount available to NOFA members. For more information or to register visit www.organiclandcare.net or call the NOFA Organic Land Care office at 203-888-5146.

SELL YOUR CT GROWN AT HIGHWAY REST AREAS

A unique opportunity exists for farmers to sell at select rest areas on the state's major highways. In the summer of 2012, rest areas are available on I-95 (Milford NB & SB and Madison NB & SB) and Route 15 (Greenwich NB, Orange NB & SB, and New Haven NB & SB). Exact days, times, and dates have not yet been determined but DoAG is recruiting interested farmers. Please contact Rick Macsuga (860-713-2544 or Richard.Macsuga@ct.gov) or Mark Zotti (860-713-2538 or Mark.Zotti@ct.gov) for more info.

CONNECTICUT 4-H SHEEP PROJECT CLINIC FEB 25

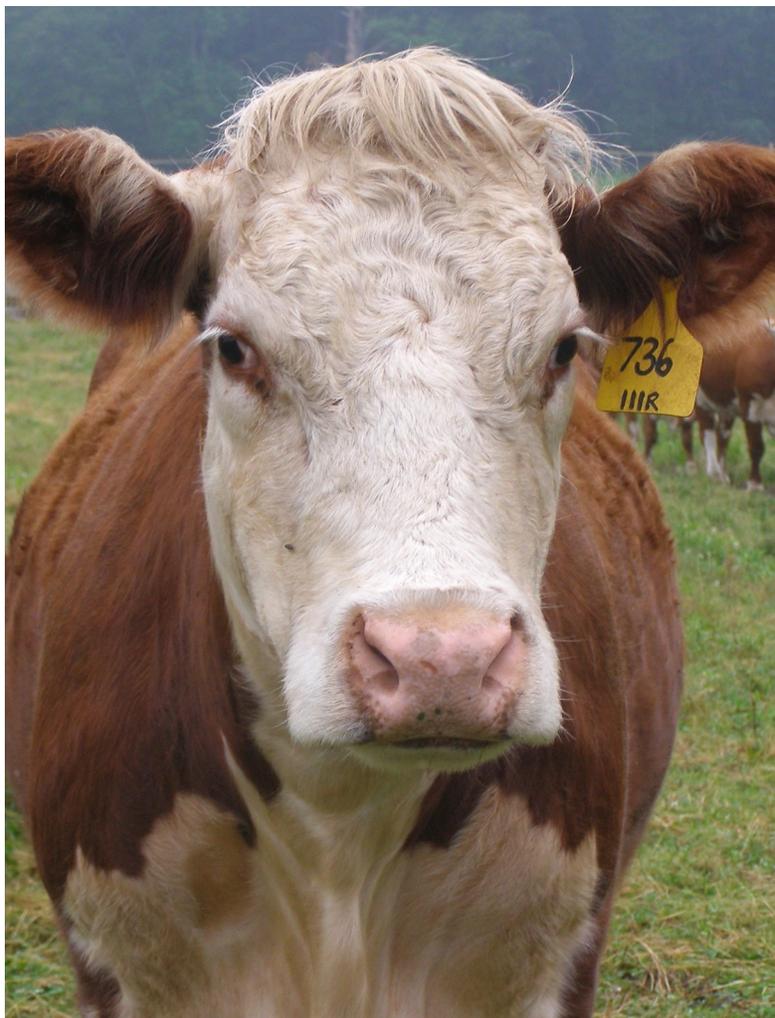
A 4-H sheep project clinic will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 25, 2012, at the University of Connecticut, Route 195, Storrs. Registration is at the Ratcliffe Hicks Arena. Pre-registration by February 20 is available via email to maryann.fusco@uconn.edu or phone, 860-875-3331. The program will start at 9:00. Please sign in when you arrive. Sign-up for quiz bowl teams by 12:45 p.m. 4-Hers ages 7-12 and 13-19 will have separate workshop tracks until 3:00 p.m. Everyone will be together for lunch and for awards at 3:00 p.m.

4-Hers are expected from all over New England. The program will be held regardless of the weather. Classrooms are warm; arena can be cold. Parents and leaders are welcome to accompany 4-Hers to workshops or to participate in the Blue Ribbon Forum for adults (see below). For more info, contact Maryann Fusco-Rollins, maryann.fusco@uconn.edu or 860-875-3331.

BLUE RIBBON SHEEP FORUM FEB 25

Running concurrent with the 4-H Sheep Project Clinic above will be the Blue Ribbon Sheep Forum, also on February 25, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the University of Connecticut in Storrs.

Workshops will cover a variety of topics including parasite diagnosis and prevention, preparation for lambing, as well as everything you will need to know to participate in the Connecticut Blanket Project. Complimentary lunch will be provided to those who RSVP by February 20 to dragonslairfarm@yahoo.com or 860-639-9196.



Advertising Rates: Fifteen words or less \$3.75 per insertion. For ads of more than 15 words, 25 cents per word per insertion. Initial letters, hyphenated words, phone numbers, and addresses, etc., are counted separately. Print or type copy. Publication on a specific date cannot be guaranteed. Advertisements will be published on a first-come, first-served basis. Ads must be received by noon the Friday before a publication date to be considered for insertion. Only ads of an agricultural nature with a Connecticut phone number will be accepted. Remittance with copy required. Make check or money order payable to the Connecticut Department of Agriculture.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Commissioner | Steven K. Reviczky 860-713-2500 |
| Marketing & Technology | Robert Pellegrino 860-713-2503 |
| Regional Market | Robert Pellegrino 860-566-3699 |
| State Veterinarian | Dr. Mary J. Lis 860-713-2505 |
| Regulation & Inspection | Dr. Bruce Sherman 860-713-2504 |
| Farmland Preservation | Joseph Dippel 860-713-2511 |
| Aquaculture | David Carey 203-874-2855 |
| FAX NUMBERS | 860-713-2516 860-713-2514 |

Email: Linda.Piotrowicz@ct.gov
Internet: www.CT.gov/doag

Connecticut Weekly Agricultural Report (ISSN: 1059-8723, USPS 129-340) is published weekly by the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106, except for Thanksgiving, Christmas, the last week of June, one week in September, and when the Governor closes state offices. Print subscriptions are \$40.00 for two years. Periodicals postage paid at Hartford, CT. **POSTMASTER:** Send address changes to the Connecticut Department of Agriculture, 165 Capitol Ave., Hartford, CT 06106. **Print subscriptions expire on December 31, 2013.**

VOL. XCII
No. 6
February 8, 2012